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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 03-MAY-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	70.75-83	73-76	75.07	30

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

75.25

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

74.99

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-May-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
BRO-FRY	162,900	158,623

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	257.50	1,229
BREASTS - B/S	230.00	5,391
BREASTS - WHOLE	124.50	1,785
THIGH MEAT - B/S	113.50	996
LEG QUARTERS	34.50	7,418
WINGS	130.50	2,920

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area moved one cent higher from last Monday's majority. Whole broiler/fryer market tone remained steady to fully steady, undertone firm. Offerings of light weight wogs were very limited, heavier weights light to occasionally fair. Retail demand was fair with fairly good orders for the weekend. Food service demand was moderate to good, best into restaurants and fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate with weights in a desirable range. Parts trading was active on breast cuts, limited on wings and moderate on dark meat cuts. Supplies of breast cuts were limited, dark meat varied and wings were fully sufficient for trade interest. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on breast cuts and dark meat, barely steady to weak on wings.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **WEEK OF APRIL 30, 2004**

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	65.20**	64.60**	59.50	EASTERN REGION	66.50**	64.90**	58.00
CENTRAL REGION	64.60**	64.50**	60.90**	CENTRAL REGION	65.00	64.70**	58.40**
WESTERN REGION	65.50**	65.10**	61.40**	WESTERN REGION	66.00**	64.80**	58.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 24-Apr-2004 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

THOUSANDS

HEAD	156,011
AVG WT	5.20
LAST WEEK	152,185
SAME WK YR AGO	153,380
AVG WT	5.16
TO-DATE/2004	2,453,097
TO-DATE/2003	2,414,135

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS
HEAD	1,743	2,527
AVG WT	16.13	37.32
LAST WEEK	1,634	2,466
SAME WK YR AGO	1,868	2,929
AVG WT	15.76	37.18
TO-DATE/2004	27,053	39,494
TO-DATE/2003	27,820	43,238

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	130.00	130.00
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	159.00 - 174.00	165.40
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	105.00	105.00
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LG	158.00	158.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	700.00 740.00	720.37
168 3 Round, top inside round	190.50 201.13	192.84
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	734.40 768.50	745.61
Ground Beef 81%	111.00 140.00	126.87

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